



Northumberland

County Council

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

DATE: 15 FEBRUARY 2023

Hackney Carriage Tariff

Report of Philip Soderquest, Director of Housing and Public Protection

Cabinet Member: Cllr. Colin Horncastle – Portfolio Holder Community Services

Purpose of report

To seek the view of the Committee on a review of the current hackney carriage tariffs.

Recommendations

Members note the contents of the report and

A) Propose a new tariff for consultation

or

B) Resolve that the tariff is to remain as currently set.

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the Living and Enjoying priorities included in the NCC Corporate Plan 2021-2024

Key issues

The Council is responsible for setting the hackney carriage tariff, which represents, when the vehicle is operated within its licensing zone, the maximum tariff that may be charged.

On 15th June 2022, the Licensing and Regulatory Committee resolved to increase the hackney carriage tariffs by approximately 5%. The new tariff came into force on 4th July 2022.

An undertaken was made to review the tariff in one year.

Background

Under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Section 65, the Council has the power to determine the charges that may be made in respect of journeys undertaken in a hackney carriage.

There are 4 elements in relation to the setting of a tariff: Timing of the tariffs, flag fall, intervals at which fare increases and extra charges.

The current set of tariff applies to all licence zones and is made up of 6 separate tariffs. 3 tariffs relate to vehicle for up to 4 passengers, the remaining 3 tariffs cover larger vehicles carrying 5 to 8 passengers.

The current set of tariffs is attached at **Appendix A**

In order to vary the hackney carriage tariffs a notice must be published in the local newspaper specifying the proposed new tariff and the date it is to come into effect. Any representations received must be considered and a new date must be set, within 2 months of the original date, for the implementation of the tariff with or without modifications

Should the Committee determine to amend the tariff, Officers will arrange for the public notices to be placed in appropriate local papers. Where no representations are received the tariff would come into effect the day after the end of the consultation period. If representations are received, they will be considered by the next relevant committee.

The current Bank of England interest rate is 4%, was last reviewed on 2nd Feb 2023. Additional information is attached as Appendix B.

Information relating to general fuel prices is attached as Appendix C.

Implications

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	
Legal	Legal requirement to advertise any amendment to the tariff.
Procurement	
Human Resources	
Property	

Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk Assessment	none
Crime & Disorder	none
Customer Consideration	Before making changes to tariff formal consultation is required.
Carbon reduction	
Health and Wellbeing	
Wards	All

Background papers:

Report sign off.

Authors must ensure that officers and members have agreed the content of the report:

	Full Name of Officer
Monitoring Officer/Legal	
Executive Director of Finance & S151 Officer	
Relevant Executive Director	
Chief Executive	
Portfolio Holder(s)	

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Appendix A - Current Hackney Carriage Tariff 2022

Appendix B – Information relating to interest rates

Appendix C – Information relating to fuel prices.

Appendix A

Hackney Carriages Official Fare Charges

4th July 2022

Section 65 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

TARIFF 1

For the first 500 yards or part thereof £2.60

For each subsequent 86 yards or part thereof 10p

Waiting time: per 30 seconds or part thereof 20p

TARIFF 2: Between 11pm and 7am and all day Sundays and Public Holidays

For the first 500 yards or part thereof £3.10

For each subsequent 68 yards or part thereof 10p

Waiting time per 30 seconds or part thereof 20p

TARIFF 3: Between 6pm on 24 December and 3am on 27 December and between 6pm on 31 December and 3am on 2 January

For the first 500 yards or part thereof £5.00

For each subsequent 86 yards or part thereof 20p

Waiting time: per 30 seconds or part thereof 40p

Tariffs 4, 5 & 6 must only be used where more than four passengers (excluding the driver) are carried in a hackney carriage licensed for that purpose.

TARIFF 4 (More than four passengers)

For the first 500 yards or part thereof £2.90

For each subsequent 86 yards or part thereof 10p

Waiting time: per 30 seconds or part thereof 20p

TARIFF 5: (More than four passengers) Between 11pm and 7am and all day Sundays and Public Holidays

For the first 500 yards or part thereof £3.40

For each subsequent 68 yards or part thereof 10p

Waiting time per 30 seconds or part thereof 20p

TARIFF 6: (More than four passengers) Between 6pm on 24 December and 3am on 27 December and between 6pm on 31 December and 3am on 2 January

For the first 500 yards or part thereof £5.00

For each subsequent 86 yards or part thereof	20p
Waiting time: per 30 seconds or part thereof	40p
Soiling Charge (except children under 14 years of age)	£63.00
Dogs (excluding guide dogs) or other animal	£1.10
Each item of Luggage, pram, wheeled trolley	£1.10

For non-cancellation of bookings where taxi supplied and dispatched but not required on arrival at the pick-up point the fares to be calculated from dispatch point at the tariff rates.